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SUBJECT: UNHCR SUPPORT FOR NAMIBIAN REFUGEES IN ANGOLA

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ("BEELD" OF JOHANNESBURG) CARRIED
STORY APRIL 8 ALLEGING THAT 500,000 DOLLARS FUNDED BY
UNHCR "FOR SWAPO REFUGEES IN ANGOLA" WAS INSTEAD DESTINED
FOR A SWAPO TRAINING CAMP AT CASSINGA IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA.

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"BEELD" CLAIMS THAT THERE ARE "NO SWAPO REFUGEES IN ANGOLA"
AND THAT UN FUNDING "CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS SUPPORT
FOR SWAPO".

2. INFERENCE IN "BEELD" ARTICLE IS THAT UNHCR THROUGH ITS
CONTRIBUTIONS, IS HELPING TO SUPPORT SWAPO GUERRILLA
FIGHTERS. SINCE THIS IS A SENSITIVE ISSUE, WE WOULD

APPRECIATE A BRIEF REPORT ON THE NATURE OF CURRENT UNHCR PROGRAMS FOR NAMIBIANS IN ANGOLA WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON WHETHER FUNDS AND SUPPLIES ARE USED TO ASSIST SWAPO TRAINING CAMPS. WE UNDERSTAND, FOR INSTANCE, THAT UNHCR, UNICEF, AND WHO ARE JOINTLY SUPPORTING A HEALTH CENTER PROJECT FOR NAMIBIANS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION AND SUP LIES. WHAT CONTROLS ARE EXERCISED TO ASSURE THIS ASSISTANCE IS GOING TO CIVILIAN REFUGEE

POPULATION AND THAT THIS IS NOT A MEDICAL AID STATION FOR GUERRILLAS? DO UN AGENCIES OR OTHER IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO THIS FACILITY? HAVE SUCH OBSERVERS ACTUALLY VISITED SITE? IF SO, HOW FREQUENTLY?

3. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT FAO APPROVED IN MARCH,1978, PROVISION OF 711,000 DOLLARS OF FOODSTUFFS FOR NAMIBIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN ANGOLA,PRESUMABLY AS PART OF A UNHCR PROGRAM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS HAS GIVEN RISE TO THE "BEELD" STORY. CHRISTOPHER

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